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SUBJECT: DELAYED SUGAR SHIPMENTS

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- 1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT SUGAR QUOTA ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION FOR LOADING OF TWO SHIPS PAULINA AND THUONG TIN, REPORTED REFTEL A, IS PARTIAL AUTHORIZATION ONLY. PAULINA AUTHORIZED LOAD ONLY 5500 LT OUT OF SCHEDULED 22,000 LT AND THUONG TIN AUTHORIZED LOAD ONLY 4500 LT OUT OF 10,000 LT.
- 2. KNOWLEDGEABLE SUGAR TRADER STATES THAT ALTHOUGH THESE SHIPS BOOKED PRIOR TO JUNE 11 GOVERNMENT TAKE-OVER OF SUGAR EXPORTS, SHIPPERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PRACTICE HAD IN MANY CASES NOT CONCLUDED SALES AGREEMENTS AS OF JUNE 11. AUTHORIZATION GRANTED BY SQA COVERS ALL REMAINING A QUEDAN SUGAR NOW IN-COUNTRY. FOR PAULINA AND THUONG TIN TO OBTAIN FULL LOAD WILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEPEND ON DECISION BY PHILIPPINE NATIONAL BANK TO

RELEASE SUGAR FROM ITS STOCK OF C AND C-1 QUEDAN RESERVE SUGAR. SUGAR TRADER EXPECTS PNB TO DO SO, IN ORDER TO ALLOW OBLIGATIONS OF SHIPPERS TO SHIPPING COMPANY TO BE FULFILLED. HOWEVER, PRESIDENT OF PNB HAS BEEN ABROAD, AND DECISION NOT LIKELY BEFORE NEXT WEEK.

- 3. SHIPS CITED REFTEL B AS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST AND OCTOBER ARRIVAL WILL BE ENTIRELY DEPENDENT UPON GOVERNMENT RELEASE OF C QUEDAN SUGAR, NOT A QUEDAN SUGAR AS PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED.
- 4. SUGAR CROP NOW BELIEVED LIKELY TO HIT 2.7 MILLION TONS INSTEAD OF 2.5 MILLION TONS PREVIOUSLY PREDICTED. IF GOVERNMENT CONTINUES PUT ALL OF ON-GOING MILLINGS INTO C AND C-1 QUEDANS, RESERVE STOCK WILL EXCEED 500,000 TON TARGET BASED ON 20 PERCENT OF 2.5 MILLION TON CROP. WAREHOUSES ARE SAID TO BE NEARLY FULL, WITH ONE MILL REPORTEDLY ON VERGE OF CEASING MILLING DUE TO LACK OF WAREHOUSE SPACE. GOVERNMENT DECISIONS ON DISPOSAL OF C STOCKS THEREFORE SEEM NECESSARY IN VERY NEAR FUTURE.

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